



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5460

LCO No. 1257

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 46b-231 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2002*):

4 (f) The Family Support Magistrate Division shall include [nine]
5 thirteen family support magistrates who shall be appointed by the
6 Governor to serve in that capacity for a term of three years. A family
7 support magistrate may be reappointed upon completion of his term
8 of office by the Governor. To be eligible for appointment, a family
9 support magistrate must have engaged in the practice of law for five
10 years prior to his appointment and shall be experienced in the field of
11 family law. He shall devote full time to his duties as a family support
12 magistrate and shall not engage in the private practice of law. A family
13 support magistrate may be removed from office by the Governor for
14 cause.

15 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 46b-231 of the general statutes is
16 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

17 *October 1, 2002*):

18 (g) A Chief Family Support Magistrate shall be designated by the
19 Chief Court Administrator of the Superior Court from among the
20 [nine] thirteen family support magistrates appointed by the Governor
21 pursuant to subsection (f) of this section, as amended by this act.
22 Under the direction of the Chief Court Administrator, the Chief Family
23 Support Magistrate shall supervise the Family Support Magistrate
24 Division and submit an annual report to the Chief Court Administrator
25 and perform such other duties as provided in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To raise the number of family support magistrates from nine to thirteen.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]